

Frequently asked questions about the EPSDT Program

If a prior authorization is issued, does that mean that the recipient is eligible for Medicaid?

No, the prior authorization process does not check for eligibility. The provider must always verify that the recipient is eligible at the time of service.

Can children who are eligible for Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) receive EPSDT Services?

Children who are eligible for [KCHIP](#) may receive EPSDT screenings. Children who are eligible for KCHIP may NOT receive EPSDT Special Services.

Can children who are eligible for KCHIP pay a premium to get EPSDT Special Services?

No. A premium must be paid by families in order to obtain coverage through the KCHIP program, not to obtain EPSDT Special Services.

How can I tell if a child is a KCHIP child?

It will be necessary for you to verify eligibility each time you provide services.

Children who pay the KCHIP III Premium are not eligible for EPSDT Special Services or non-emergency transportation. Can children in the Passport region get EPSDT Special Services?

Passport does have EPSDT Special Services; their program, however, may not be identical to the fee-for-service program. Contact [Passport](#) at (800) 578-0603 for additional information.

Can a child receive services through EPSDT and through First Steps?

Yes, a child may get obtain services through EPSDT and [First Steps](#) as long as it as determined that services through both programs are medically necessary.

If a child is receiving services through the Home and Community Based (HCB) waiver program, can the child also receive EPSDT Special Services?

Yes, a child may receive both EPSDT Special Services and [HCB](#) waiver services.

Do all EPSDT Special Services have to be provided by a single agency?

No. It is better to receive services from a single agency, when possible, but EPSDT Special Services may be provided by more than one agency.

If a child is receiving traditional home health and/or HCB waiver services from one agency, must EPSDT Special Services also be provided by that same agency?

No, if a child is receiving either home health or waiver services (or both) from one agency, a different agency may provide the EPSDT Special Services.